

PUBLIC HEARINGS



**On new Redistricting Plans for San Juan County
Commission and School Board Election Districts**

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Monticello Meeting | 10:30^{AM} – 12:30^{PM}

Hideout Community Center

49 West 600 South St. • Monticello, UT 84535

Bluff Meeting | 3:30^{PM} – 5:30^{PM}

Bluff Community Center

3rd East and Mulberry, Bluff Rd. • Bluff, UT 84512

- Refreshments will be provided -

**This is IMPORTANT! Be involved in the decision-making
process and offer your comments about the redistricting maps
that will impact you**

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON NEW VOTING DISTRICTS
IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH**

On Monday, November 6, 2017 the Utah Federal District Court held a status conference in *Navajo Nation v. San Juan County*. After the conference a minute entry was entered scheduling two public meetings in San Juan County on November 16, 2017. One meeting will be held at the Hide Out Community Center in Monticello, UT from 10:30-12:30. The second meeting will be held at Bluff Community Center in Bluff, UT from 3:30-5:30.

These meeting will provide San Juan County community members an opportunity to comment on the proposed School Board and County Commission election districts. Each site will have tables for the public to submit comments and a court staff employee to take feedback from the public.

The proposed maps were developed by the Court-appointed Special Master, Dr. Bernard Grofman, in response to the Court's previous rulings that the County's current School Board and County Commission election districts violate the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution, in part because the districts were drawn based on race. The Court appointed a Special Master to assist in creating lawful remedial election districts for the Commission and the School Board. The Court anticipates implementing the new election districts for the 2018 election cycle.

"The Nation is pleased the Court is seeking input from Navajo members of the County." stated Attorney General Ethel Branch. "This has been a long process and it is important that all Navajos in San Juan County are allowed an opportunity to participate in the redrawing of their election districts. Our hope is that the Court will hear the concerns of our people and adopt voting districts that address their concerns and give them a much needed voice in County politics."

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November 7, 2017

Public Hearings for Redistricting Plans for San Juan County Utah Commission and School Board Districts

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (Ariz.) – On Monday, November, 6, 2017, Judge Robert J. Shelby ordered two public hearings to receive public comments on the draft redistricting plans for San Juan County Utah Commission district and School Board district.

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commissions encourages San Juan County Utah residents to attend the public hearings to submit comments on the drafted redistricting plans, which will be on display at each locations. Navajo translators will be present at the each locations to ensure communication will not be a problem.

What: Public Hearing: Redistricting Plans for San Juan County Utah Commission and School Board Districts

When: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Time: 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Where: Hide Out Community Center – Monticello, Utah

What: Public Hearing: Redistricting Plans for San Juan County Utah Commission and School Board Districts

When: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Time: 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Where: Bluff Community Center – Bluff, Utah

For more information contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at (928) 871-7436.

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